BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-0235-T - ORDER NO. 2000-648

AUGUST 9, 2000

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| IN RE: | Request of American International Movers, Inc., 816 Highway 41 South, Forsyth, Georgia 31209, for approval of a Transfer of Assets from Carey F. Weathers Transfer and Storage Co., including Weathers' Class E Certificate of Public and Convenience and Necessity. |)))) | ORDER DENYING INFORMAL DISPOSITION |
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request for final disposition of this *nunc pro tunc* asset transfer (including a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity) by American International Movers, Inc. (AIM or the Company) without a formal hearing. AIM has prefiled verified testimony, plus several bills of lading to attempt to make its case for disposition of this matter at this Commission's weekly meeting. We deny the request for disposition at this time.

First, the public hearing on this matter is set for August 16, 2000, a short time period in the future. Second, there is a question in this matter of "continuous service" as required by Regulation 103-135 (4). Third, the same regulation requires evidence that the person acquiring the assets is fit, willing, and able to perform the service required by the original certificate. The Commission believes that the witness or witnesses in this case should be subject to cross-examination by the parties and by the Commissioners.

Accordingly, we hold that the public hearing should be held, and the request for disposition without a formal hearing should be denied.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ATTEST:

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